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1. Because of the increasing dissatisfaction of the Warsaw inhabitants with the housing shortage, the government has issued regulations limiting to a minimum all building activities not connected with the construction of housing, to which all priorities are now given. 25X1
2. Building work for military requirements does not come under the above-mentioned regulations, nor does the construction of the Palace of Culture, which is being carried out by Soviet labor. Some 4,000 Soviet workmen are employed on this job. They are billeted in the suburb of Kolo. This is now a part of Warsaw where no one dares to venture between dusk and dawn, because the Soviets attack and rob all passers-by. When summoned, the Citizens' Militia (MO) refuse to intervene for fear of the Soviets.
3. Between 1 and 10 October 1953, a start was made on removing all iron rod fences and metal sheet roofing from buildings in Warsaw. For example, the entire fence of the Paderewski Park (former Skaryszewski Park) and roofing from houses on ul. Nowogrodzka and neighborhood were removed. The collected materials were taken away from Warsaw to an undetermined location.
4. All work on the construction of the Warsaw subway was stopped as of 31 October and on that date work was started on making safe the entrances to the existing tunnels. Miners employed on the tunnel construction have been sent back to Silesian mines. The workers' hotels, which were built to house them, are being converted into private dwellings.

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